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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. As this application is being filed after June 30, 2003, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.491(b), copies of US patents and US patent application publications are not enclosed herewith.

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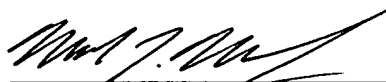
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	APPLICANT	English Abstract	English Trans.	FILING DATE

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